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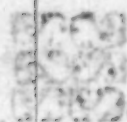
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DON RODERIGO CALDERON was the sonne of *Francisco Calderon*, who being a Souldier in Flanders, begot him of *Maria de Sandalin* a German woman. He was made legitimate many yeeres after by the marriage of his Parents; and borne in Antwerp, amidst the wants of Warre and militarie Misfortunes. Being a Child of few moneths old, he was let downe the Citie wall (an angrie presage of what was to succede) to auoide the danger of a sacke, without receiuing any hurt but feare. His Father (now a Widdower) borne at Valliadolid, of honest Parentage, with some Inheritance, brought him thither, and seeing him growne vp, and not beloued by a Mother in law, whom hee had made his second Wife, thinking how to settle him in some course to liue; placed him first as Page with the Vice-chancellor of Arragon, and after with the Marques of *Denia*, *Don Francisco Gomez de Sandoual y Rojas*, now Duke of Lerma, who then sate at the sterne of this Monarchie, and was styled the Fauorite of King *Philip* the Third, now with God. *Don Roderigo* shot vp so fast, vnder the shadow of his Masters Greatnesse, and trenched so deepe into his fauour, that hee got to be a Groome of the Bed-chamber: And, after *Don Pedro Franqueza*, Earle of Villa-longa, hee was made Secretarie of Estate, and onely managed the Offices of diuers; so that Expedition in the great affaires of *Iustice* and *Reward* past through his hands. He was Active and Intelligent, of a comely Presence, somewhat haughtie toward Suiters (whose companie then

he wanted not) but punctuall, obsequious, and carefull where he meant to please. He married with *Dona Inas de Vergas*, Lady of *Oliua*; which Title hee left after to his eldest Sonne *Don Francisco Calderon*. His Father (an honest man) sought not to rise, but wisely noting the inclination of his Sonne, dissuaded him sometimes from it, whereat taking dislike, blowne vp with the winde of Ambition, he forgot somewhat his naturall duetie, (desirous to linke himselfe to the Family of a great Lord of these Kingdomes, who was Gouvernour in Flanders where he was borne) yet hee advanced his Father (a Widdower now the second time) to bee a Knight of Saint *Iohn*, and *Alcayde* of *Consuegra*: after of Saint *James*, where he was Lieutenant of the Order, and had the best *Encomienda* in Aragon; in which place, like a Christian wise man, he bounded the limits of his fortune. The trumpe of Fame sounded farre the name of *Don Rodrigo*, and his great fauour with the Duke, and strooke in the Government. Hence pride of heart entring, made him treat presumptuously with diuers, and Power and Greatnesse laid open vnto him occasions of Corruption and Briberie, from whence grew his excessive wealth. Ill Report published his great faults so broadly, that hee sought to shelter himselfe vnder the Protection of his Maiesties Pardon (gotten indirectly as was said) by which hee receiued plenarie Absolution for all was past. But by occasion of the Duke of Lermaes retreat from Court to his owne House, his excesses were againe divulged, with a common imputation of Deaths, Falsifications, Witchcrafts and Briberies. The particulars were these. He was accused by the Attorney Generall, as culpable of the death of our
Queene,

Queene, Lady *Margaret* of Austria, who is with God: but because the proofes were not pregnant, he was of that acquitted, as also for the deaths of *Alonso de Carvajal*, Father *Christopher Suarez* a Iesuite, *Pedro Cautallero*, and *Pedro de Camino*. But for the imprisonment and death of *Augustine de Auila* (an *Alguazil* of this Court) and circumstances thereof; and the assassination committed on the person of *Francisco de Xuara*, by the Sergeant *Iohn de Gusman* at his procurement, and for hauing vnduely obtayned the Pardon of his Maiestie deceased, for his said offences; hee was adjudged to die. He had notice thereof from *Lazaro de los Rios*, &c.

HIS Titles, Offices, and Commodities, were these, which follow. He was Marques of seuen Churches, Earle of *Olina*, Comendador of *Orana*, Knight of the Order of Saint *James*, Captaine of the German Guard, Treasurer of the House of Arragon, Register of the Chancerie of Valladolid, Steward of the works of the said Citie, Chiefe *Alguazil* of the said Citie and Chancerie, and *Alcayde* of the Kings prison. He had two Regencies there, and the first voyce and place in Court. He was chiefe Post-master of that Citie. He had a *Maravedi* for every Bull of the *Cruzada* that was imprinted in Valladolid, of the Kings gift; which came to aboue sixe thousand Duckats of rent. He had alwaies a Chamber of allowance in the Play-houses of Valladolid, as also in the Cortal of Madrid. He was *Regidor* of *Soria*, and had a voyce in Court. Hee had two Regencies in the Citie of Placentia, and a voyce in Court. He was depositarie Generall in the said Citie, and had a voyce in Court. He was Register of the Court

Court of the said Citie. He had the Patronage of the Monasterie of *Porta Cæli* in Valladolid. The Patronage of the Riall Chappell of the Monasterie of the *Mercedes* of Madrid. His house-hold stuffe was valued at foure hundred thousand Duckats. He had halfe of the mother of Pearle brought from the East Indies, contayning thirtie *Quintals* of shells, which among the Negroes passeth currant for Bullion. Hee had the Impost of Brasil wood that came from Lisbone, worth twelue thousand Duckats a yeere. He had a Graunt, that none without his leaue, could barter for Millstones and Whetstones as Barbers vse, which come from foraine Parts, to send them to the East Indies; this was worth to him many Duckats.

It is verified for certaine, that he receiued yeerly aboue two hundred thousand Duckats of rent. To particularize all his wealth, would aske a long time.

His Father, his two Sonnes, two Daughters, and his Wife, went from Madrid two dayes before hee died, having much bewayled his fall, and wrought much for his deliuerie.

The Executioner lead his Mule, and (according to the custome of Spaine) made Proclamation. This is the iustice which the King our Soueraigne Lord commandeth to be done on this Man, for hauing treacherously killed a man, committing an assassinate, and being guiltie of the death of another, with other offences as appeareth by his Iudgement: wherefore he is to be beheaded, and be an example, that others that shal doe the like, may haue the like.

*A Relation of the death of Don Rodrigo
Calderon, Marques of seuen
Churches, &c.*

S I Stand in doubt to write what will seeme
strange to many, and my Relation be taxed
as too short, by those which saw it acted,
and by others, which saw it not, too affec-
tionate: but the synceritie of my intent is grounded
on the meane, taken from a particular Confession
which discouereth the greatnesse of the Action, and
rarenesse of the Case. *Don Rodrigo Calderon*, late
Marques of seuen Churches, Earle of *Olina*, Cap-
tayne of the German Guard, a Knight of the Order of
Saint James, and *Comendador* of *Ocana*, being impri-
soned in his owne house with a strong Guard, hauing
but the vse of one onely Chamber with little light; af-
ter his Cause had beene in discussing two yeeres and a
halfe, had sentence of death giuen against him, by the
Lords of the Assembly, *Don Francisco de Contreras*
(now most worthy President of Castile) *Luis de Salze-
do*, and *Don Diego del Corral*. He had notice thereof
by *Lazaro de los Rios*, a Register of the Proceffe, the
fourteenth of Iuly 1621. To which he made answer,
that he heard it. Then turning to a Crucifixe, he said;
God be blessed, whose will be in me fulfilled: which was
like some other of his actions, both before and after
(which, to be short, I let passe in silence) grounded on
a vertuous Spirit, wholly exercised in spirituall books
of deuotion, and full of Religion and Christian cou-
rage. From that time, vntill his death, which was
three moneths after, hee neuer was vnclothed, nor
came in bed. There was a Pallet by his bed side, with

a leather couerlet, on which in the night hee rested a little, spending the most part of it in mentall Prayer, wherein he much profited by reading a Booke of the holy Mother *Teresa* of *I e s u s*, to which hee was much affected, so that hee could repeate by memorie whole Pages thereof: as also out of a Booke of Prayers, composed by Father *Molina*; and in spirituall Conferences had with the Religious, he cited to them these Books, or others such like. Hee daily read the liues of Saints in *Flos Sancterum*, perswaded therevnto by Mother *Teresa* and Father *Molina*, of whom (as he said) he learned it. He made a generall Confession with Humilitie and Contrition, accompanied with many teares of tendernesse, witnessing the good preparation of his mind, for what was to come; but to declare particulars, would make rather a Booke then a brieve Relation.

And I heard Friar *Gabriel* his Confessor say, who is Procurator Generall of the discalced Carmelites (a religious person of venerable fame) that during thirtie yeeres space, wherein he had beene a Physician for Soules, hee neuer experienced the like: for neither when the sentence of death was notified vnto him, or vpon any discomfort did he change countenance, or shed teare; but when he remembered his finnes, they fell like showres. O force of diuine loue! which doth soften hearts not shaken with aduersitie, from whence proceedeth their Fortitude and Humilitie. Hee had conference with diuers Religious, and particularly with Friar *Gregorie de Pedros*, a Preacher to his Maiestie, whose great part of learning and eloquence are alreadie blazond by *him*, and need no report of mine. To him and his Confessor hee vnfolded his Conscience

ence with Securitie and Satisfaction, not regarding Honour, or any other pretext, hauing so resigned vp his will to God, and his obedience to his Confessor. That humane feares wrought litle in him, without resolving speedily what difficulties they proposed. How excellent hee was in this, his death will beare witnesse. He petitioned an appeale from his Iudgement, according as his Counsell aduised him: but his diligence in procuring his defence, neuer diuerted his minde from the consideration of his death, nor made him omit the exercises of a vertuous life. The Iudges did not admit his Appeale, but insisted on the execution of the sentence: whereof he hauing notice the first of October, answered; *I heare it*, and turning to a Crucifixe, said: *God be blessed, whose will be in me fulfilled.* No impatient word was euer heard fall from him, for as his Soule grew daily nearer Heauen, so shewed hee most courage in most discomfort, not being sensible of earthly losses, but falling out of loue with them, the ioy of his Spirit flew a higher pitch, then the discontents of this World did reach vnto, so that on the day of his death (had not his Confessor hindred it) hee would haue proclaymed his sinnes in the street, as hee oft sought to doe in prison, if he had beene permitted. His Appeale being not admitted, and the Iudgement confirmed; on Tuesday at midnight, Friar *Pedro de la Concepcion*, went to him with this newes, in place of his Confessor, who then was not well, who told him hee was to receiue his *Viaticum* on Wednesday. Hee found him quiet at his prayers, which hee vsed much, and receiued in them particular fauours from God. He demanded of him wherefore he came: hee answered, to spend the night with you. Falling to discourse of

the miseries of this life, and of the happinesse of the other that is without end, hauing fit time, hee said to him: Who would not with a good will, exchange a life temporall for an eternall? To which he answered. Alas, Father, would I had not this one, but a thousand liues to lose for Gods sake: then (replied the Friar) hee will come to you to morrow, and giue you the Pledge of his Grace, to receiue hereafter the Crowne of his Glorie. He then presently conceiuing wherefore he said so; kneeled downe before a Crucifixe, and with great zeale of deuotion, said thrice: *Thy will be done, O Lord* (vsing this resignation of mind in all his tribulations.) Then rising vp, hee said, I haue something to doe; and going behind the bed, he put on a shirt of haire, and a crosse with sharpe pricks of Steele, which he ware about his necke, hauing (for obedience to his Confessor) put them off the day before, to mitigate his continuall penance, making his vertues more secure, by the secrecie wherewith hee practized them. This hee did on dayes of fasting, which was weekly, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, and in those of abstinence, not tasting any thing that might please him, yet so warily that those which attended him obserued it not. The rest of the night, he spent in spirituall Exercises. And when the Friar propounded to him, how God rewarded those that take benefit by afflictions, offering them in imitation of his most painefull Passion: hee answered. I pray God, Father, my sinnes cause mee not to lose so great Happinesse; although, I assure you, I feele such comfort now, that if it would not seeme lightnesse in mee, I could laugh. Neither was his feare vnlike his hope; affections.

affections which tyed him alike to God; humilitie and acknowledgement of his owne miserie, accompanied the one; and trust in Gods Mercy and Power, the other. On Wednesday morning, he disposed the affaires of his Soule by direction of his Confessor, and of Friar *Gregorie de Pedrosa*, whose assistance was of great comfort and profit to him. Then he went into the Chappell, wearing the white mantle of his Order, where his Confessor said Masse, and he Received, with great Faith and Loue of God: at which time, with a Spirit full of zeale, he said: *O Lord, since thou comdest to me to day, let me come to thee to morrow*; and coming to those wordes of consolation: *In manus tuas Domine commendo Spiritum meum*: hee added, *Vitam & honorem meum*. The Masse being ended where he Received, hee heard other foure, with such tranquillitie and deuotion, that he neuer sighed nor lamented, being thereat out of modestie ashamed, lest his deuotion should bee therefore accounted rather vaine-glorious, then vertuous; in this hee excelled, as his priuate Almes, giuen in the time of his better fortune, beare witnesse; and the Religious, by whose hands they passed, can affirme. The Chappell, in which lyeth the body of the holy Mother *Teresa* of *Iesvs*, in the Church of the Discalced Carmelites at Madrid, was part of his Almes, which hee desired to make more sumptuous, if his Order had permitted. Hee also built the Heremitage in the Desert *de Batuecas*, and caused two Masses to bee daily said in that which is neare to *Pestana*. Hee said the Office of our Lady, and for the Soules departed, hauing continued it many yeeres. He was Confessed,

and receiued in the Pascall Feasts, our Ladies, and the Apostles, and examined daily his conscience: which he vsed for these foure or fiue yeeres last past, to doe twice a day. Hee had thrice made his generall Confession before this last, which he ended on Saint *Matthwes* Eue, and Receiued the next day. In the prison he was confessed twice or thrice a weeke, after he might with leaue doe it. Hee passed the euening with his Confessor, and with Friar *Gregorie de Pedrosa*, in spirituall questions, so high, that it appeared, God was his Tutor, and the Schoole the Prison, as he said. In his Spirituall conference, these words escaped him: *I wish I could giue a thousand liues for mine Enemies.* His Confessor checked him for calling them Enemies; whereat recalling himselfe, hee humbly demanded how hee should name them? His Confessor told him, hee should make that Recognition for those which sought to hurt him, if any such were. He much esteemed this aduise, and fulfilled it. This night, Father *Iohn de la Madre de Dios*, companion to his Confessor, brought him a Memoriall of Bequests from the Religious of his Order, which were Prayers and Fastings. Hee was greatly comforted therewith, and humbly answered, that he hoped to see himselfe with God, and to beseech his diuine Maiestie to reward their great charitie. Giuing discreet satisfaction vnto all, and not leauing any thing by his neare approach to death vnperformed, that belonged to curtesie and vrbaneitic, or vertuous policy. So that when some came to demand of him debts, no iust cause moouing them: he answered, If his estate were in himselfe, hee could dispose thereof as hee liked; but being now in
his

his Maiestie, he stood obliged to defend it, and make no declaration in preiudice of the true Owner, for those that vniustly sought to haue it. Talking with Father *Iohn de la Madre de Dios*, he said: My Father, Wife, Children, Estate and Honour, is taken from me, as to morrow shall bee my Life; but that which onely grieueth mee, is, that I haue no more to lose for Gods sake; the memory of the losse of these things did not trouble him, but the desire that his death might giue example to others so to liue, as to saue their Soules. O generous condition of a zealous Soule! All loue seemed too little, compared with the greatnesse of the Obiect; and light encreasing according to loue, discerned more clearly the vnlimited distance betweene humane power, and diuine Omnipotency. Being late in the night, hee was importuned by the Religious there present, to lye downe on his Pallet, which he did, holding a Crucifixe, and by him the Picture of the holy Mother *Teresa* of *Iesus*; there he reposed a while, overcome rather with contemplation then sleepe. Hee demanded of Friar *Pedro de la Concepcion*, if hee should receiue Extreame Vnction: who answered, That the Church vsed not to giue it to those that dyed so. Then (said he) since I cannot receiue this Sacrament, doe me the curtesie, to teach mee the Ceremonies thereof, to know them before I dye. The Friar tooke a Manual, and said the Prayers, Letanies, and Ceremonies, omitting the substance of the Sacrament. He gaue care to all with humble attention and deuotion, not shunning, but seeking earnestly to prepare himselfe to dye, in the well performing whereof, he placed his greatest happiness.

pinesse. Then hee continued in mentall Prayer, from
fue a clocke vntill sixe in the morning, with admi-
rable recollection, for the which, afterward hee infi-
nitely thanked God. Here let Contemplatiues, prac-
tizd in prayer, consider the diuine Fauours shewed
by this Repose, to a man that had the sword laid to
his throat, whose threed of Life was euen spunne,
the representation of Death securing the attention of
his Spirit, who being vnloaded from the weight of
this mortality, was vnited to its euerlasting Begin-
ning: a thing so desired by those that treat with God,
and onely effected by Death, and wished of him, as
the meane to obtayne so glorious an End. That mor-
ning hee put off his haire shirt before his Confessor,
modestly preuenting the publique inconuenience
which might ensue, by what hee desired to haue se-
cret. Then kneeling downe before diuers graue Re-
ligious persons, he read a protestation of Faith, which
himselſe had made. In it was contayned, a quinteſ-
sence of inward zeale, vttered in wordes, so feeling
and significant, that it caused both admiration and
confusion. *Don Pedro Fernandez de Mansilla*, an *Al-*
cayde of the Court, came to take his leaue of him,
whom he met halfe way, with a behauiour and coun-
tenance of such serenitie, that it paralleld not with his
present estate. *Don Pedro* desired him to commaund
him some seruice, to which hee answered, That since
hee gaue him leaue so to doe, hee besought him for a
quick dispatch in his Wife and Childrens businesse
(which was a suite for Land with his Maiestie, that
depended before *Don Pedro de Mansilla*) to this hee
gaue him a courteous answere. Those that then were
present

present, began to shed teares, and sigh, seeing a courage so vndaunted, and a presence so venerable. Hee seeing himselfe to bee the Cause of their woe, comforted them, saying: Sirs, it is no time to lament, but to reioyce, since I am going to doe the *Will of God*. These wordes gaue cause of comfort to pious minds, by discovering the good estate of his Soule and great Christianitie. Then he went into the Chappell in a Cloke, and vpon it the habite of Saint *Iames*, where he heard many Masses. He intreated the Carmelite that said it, to put his Soule together with the Host into the Chalice. This was to follow the example of the holy Mother *Teresa* of *Iesvs*, who on a Palme Sunday said the like. This wrought so good effect, that hee was comforted both in Soule and Body, and encouraged to suffer. He gaue his Rosarie to a religious man of the Order of Saint *Hierome*, for accounting himselfe as dead, he prepared for his owne *Dirge*. Thus hee continued, performing many acts of Contrition, in frequent prayer, vntill the time of execution. At eleuen, Friar *Gregorie de Pedrosa* came vnto him, and said: Sir, now let vs goe, for God calleth vs. He presently answered; *Let vs goe*. When they put off the Cloke of his Order, there came one and put a Hood ouer his short Coate, from which and from his doublet he had the night before, cut the necke, and the strings from his band, in place whereof he had put a button, to come more ready to his last End, knowing hee was made a sacrifice to God, who disposed the meanes to make his death more easie, which hee receiued rather with Loue then Feare. When hee went out of the Chappell, he told his Confessor, he felt himselfe very

weake both in Soule and Body : who answered him ;
Trust in God , and pray to him for strength , and hee
will not deny it you at this time. Comming to the
stayres , God gaue him courage , that it now seemed
not difficult to him to go in the streets, as it was wont;
so other things , which in his imagination appeared
vnpossible, comming to act them , by Gods assistance,
were become very fezible. Comming downe the
stayres , and seeing a Mule ready for him , hee said :
What, a Mule ? Nay, I ought rather to be dragged in
a basket ; practizing still more pure Acts of Humilitie
and contempt of the World, and desiring the most dis-
gracefull death. He rode on the Mule without feare,
squaring all his actions to the rules of Modesty , and
necessity without ostentation. Then he tooke a Cru-
cifix which he imbraced so affectuously, that it made
great impressiō in the beholders. Going on , the
people cryed : God pardon , and giue you strength :
to whom he answered, *Amen ; God reward you.* Com-
ming to the Market place of Saint *Dominick*, and hea-
ring the Prayers and Cryes of the people, he lifted vp
his eyes, and said : *Lord , since they all aske my Pardon,*
Pardon me, I beseech thee. When he came to the *Smiths*
little street, he said to his Confessor : Father , this is
rather a triumph, then a carrying the Crosse of Christ,
who was blasphemed , and I am prayed for. Pray ,
Father, that the ioy I now feele , bee not a reward for
that little I haue suffered for his sake. I dare not weigh
these wordes in the ballance of my Reason. Let vs
leauē something in silence , since his valour and since-
rity , will sooner be searched into by a zealous affecti-
on, then vttered by an eloquent tongue. He fixed his
eyes

eyes, with a graue aspect vpon a Crucifixe there present, testifying therby the recollection of his thoughts. In his contemplation he remembered the spirituall encouragement, giuen him by the Religious which accompanied him, diuinely discoursing on the Happinesse to come. Being come to the place of Execution, with a constant Countenance, hee alighted from his Mule, and without any helpe, went vp the Scaffold. He beheld without feare the Sword and Blocke. Set his Hood right, and said to the Religious: *Let me rest here awhile.* His Confessor, and Friar *Gregorie de Pedrosa*, sate downe about him, with the rest of the Religious, in number twelue, no person, but what was needfull, being suffered to enter. They kneeled downe to pray for his Soule. He read diuers Iaculatory prayers, with such resignation and attention, that his Instructors stood astonished. After a good while he rose, and told his Confessor, he felt himselfe comforted, to see that God wrought in him his will, saying, it was fit to thanke him therefore, and bee confessed before death, and absolved by the Bull of Faith in Baptisme, with a protestation thereof. Hee was confessed, and receiuing absolution, he fell on the ground and kissed the feete of his Confessor. Being commanded to rise, hee went to his Chaire, not to dye, but to triumph, with such courage, humilitie, and magnanimitie, that all were filled with pietie and admiration. A part of his Hood he cast behind the chaire, and prayed whilst the Executioner made all things readie. Then he called him, imbraced him, and spake to him most louingly. Hee proceeded so farre in acts of pure Loue and Ioy, that when Friar *Gregorie de Pedrosa* said, Now is the

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time to shew courage, hee answered: *I neuer felt such content.* When his feet were tyed, hee said, *What doe you?* The Religious told him, it was the Order. *Then tye mee,* said hee. Comming to tye his armes, hee put them out, saying: *Hold, tye them.* Then he called the Minister of death (let decency excuse me for vsing this terme) and said: *Come hither, Brother, let me embrace thee once more,* and bowing toward him with his body, his armes being tyed, gaue him the humble kisse of Peace. This Act of heroick humilitie, done with desire of greater demonstration, drew downe many teares, either of ioy or sorrow in the Spectators. When they tyed him in the Chaire, his Confessor told him, That Christ was also tyed; at which time hee remembred the Passion with affections burned in the fire of diuine Loue. His eyes were couered with a blacke taffata, which himselfe had brought for that purpose. He lifted vp his head, ready with ioy to performe what before hee had so often thought of in prison, and said, *Take it, O Lord; Take it, O Lord.* When the Executioner held the taffata with his left hand, to giue the stroke with his right hand: he forbid him, saying: *I will sit still,* with a voyce and heart so strong, that were it lawfull, I would say, Nature had priuiledged him from feare. Then receiued hee the stroke, and repeating the sweet Name of *I E S V S*, gaue vp his Soule. The Lookers on, though bathed in teares, beheld a spectacle, not horrible, but pleasing, caused by a happy death. A death that hath eclipsed the greatest examples, and limited the highest prayses, whose duration will out-last the World. For were he not in Nobilitie so ancient, hee might hereby lay a
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foundation for a glorious Family ; since Nobilitie is but a vertue of the mind , practized either in vndergoing dangers in Warre, or in giuing good examples in peace, both which were seene in him ; and if according to the end , the vertue of the mind is to bee measured ; here onely was the loue of God , where no respect was had to the World or to Fame, which in the end will become dumbe. This example of his death hath wrought much , being in Madrid , the Court of *Don Philip* the Fourth, King of Spaine, where is a generall concourse of Strangers , magnifying with respect the Spanishe name (beside the deserued credit of their ancient valour) seeing a man paralleld with any whom the Roman eloquence did extoll , for although *Scevola*, *Regulus*, *Horatius*, and many others, suffered much honour ; yet here morally speaking , it was without it. And if any were present at this death, either without Religion, or of a contrarie (which God forbid) what inward remorse, vnquietnesse of mind, and accusation of conscience must they needs haue, seeing such strange acts of Faith and Loue to God, wrought with such fortitude , that it onely may teach vs the force of Truth , and Light of Catholique Religion. In this Glasse they may see their errors.

Thus farre my loue hath carryed mee , although my Relation bee but as a shaddow of this wonder : which such as saw not , may not hope to know as it was , because those which were present , want capacitie to declare it.

As to the substance, I had particular information from those which conuersed with him in prison and abroad; all Persons of Vertue and Religion; and although I heard of much more, yet would I not insert here but what was certayne; for a matter of it selfe so admirable, needeth not borrow ornament or addition elsewhere.

His Body lyeth buried in our Ladies Church, of the Discalced Carmelites in Madrid, in the Deane and Chapters Chappell. These Religious, out of loue to him, buried him there, in a Tombe couered with a blacke cloth, and on it the Insigne of his Order. *Requiescant in pace.* This Epitaph is written vpon his Sepulchre.

*He who within this Tombe doth lye,
Began to liue, when he did dye.*

Soli Deo honor & gloria.

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